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TAGS: PARM, FR, UR  
SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT  
CONFERENCE (EDC)

REF: MOSCOW 12357

1. UNLIKE FRENCH EMBOFF IN MOSCOW (REFTEL), FRENCH  
OFFICIALS HERE HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD US THAT THE SOVIET  
REACTION TO THE FRENCH EDC PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN COM-  
pletely negative. THEY SAY SOVIETS HAVE RESTRICTED  
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THEMSELVES TO ASKING QUESTIONS, BUT THAT THEIR QUES-  
TIONS INDICATE THAT THEIR REAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT  
THE PROPOSAL STEM FROM THE FACT THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
ARE EXCLUDED.

2. ON JUNE 29 WE ASKED SOVIET EMBOFF ABOUT CURRENT  
SOVIET POSITION ON EDC. SOVIET EMBOFF REPLIED THAT

SOVIETS HAD NOT YET REALLY FOCUSSED ON IT BECAUSE RESPONSIBLE EXPERTS HAD DIRECTED THEIR ATTENTION FIRST TO FRENCH INITIATIVES WHICH HAD TO BE DEALT WITH AT SSOD. THESE OFFICIALS WERE CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK. FOLLOWING THE SSOD, THEY WOULD DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO GETTING THE NEW UN DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OFF THE GROUND. THE EDC IDEA WOULD NOT REALLY COME TO THE FRONT BURNER UNTIL THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE IS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

3. ON SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL, SOVIET EMBOFF CONFIRMED FRENCH IMPRESSION THAT MAJOR SOVIET HANG-UP IS EXCLUSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM A PROSPECTIVE EDC NEGOTIATION. SOVIET ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE SOVIETS, AND BREZHNEV HIMSELF, CURRENTLY ATTACH TO THEIR INITIATIVE IN MBFR, AND IN MAKING PROGRESS IN THAT NEGOTIATION. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT FRENCH HAD REQUESTED ANOTHER ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, AND THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT INDEFINITELY DELAY GIVING THE FRENCH THEIR SUBSTANTIVE POSITION ON THE EDC.  
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